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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/9/61

WEATHER The beginning and close of this week were cloudy and cool. The middle of the period had warm, good drying conditions. Temperature averages were near normal.

The only precipitation was in the form of a few sprinkles that were mixed with snow flurries in the extreme west. This occurred at the close of the period, Sunday afternoon and night.

CROPS Corn, milo and soybeans moved rapidly toward maturity during the favorable ripening weather experienced last week. The corn crop was rated at better than 85 percent mature with the remaining 15 percent in the dent stage. Progress is close to normal for this date. A few corn fields have been picked, and some others opened, but most farmers were waiting until the moisture content was reduced to a safe storage point. Damage from rootworms, beetles and corn borers is becoming evident as harvest approaches. In some fields, ears have not filled completely and stalks knocked down by wind will add to harvesting difficulties.

Milo harvest was underway across the southern half of the State. Early yield returns are favorable although prospects vary and some fields are quite late. Frost has not caused serious damage, however. Soybean harvest picked up momentum as combining became quite general. The weather was near ideal for harvesting crops last week. Harvest of the western safflower crop is in full swing with good yields being reported. Sugar beet harvest is just starting and bean harvest is in the final stages. Harvest of late potatoes and onions is fairly well advanced.

Winter wheat seeding is about finished. A small percentage of the wheat acreage remains to be planted, mostly in the southeastern part of the State. Other fall seeding is about complete. Winter wheat has made good growth in the west. Some fields in the central part of the State could use moisture to promote more rapid growth. Most of the southeastern part of the State has sufficient surface moisture to give the late planted crop a good start after germination.

Some of the fourth crop of alfalfa remains to be cut. Silage cutting, corn shelling and preparing storage facilities for the late crops also commanded farmers' attention during the week.

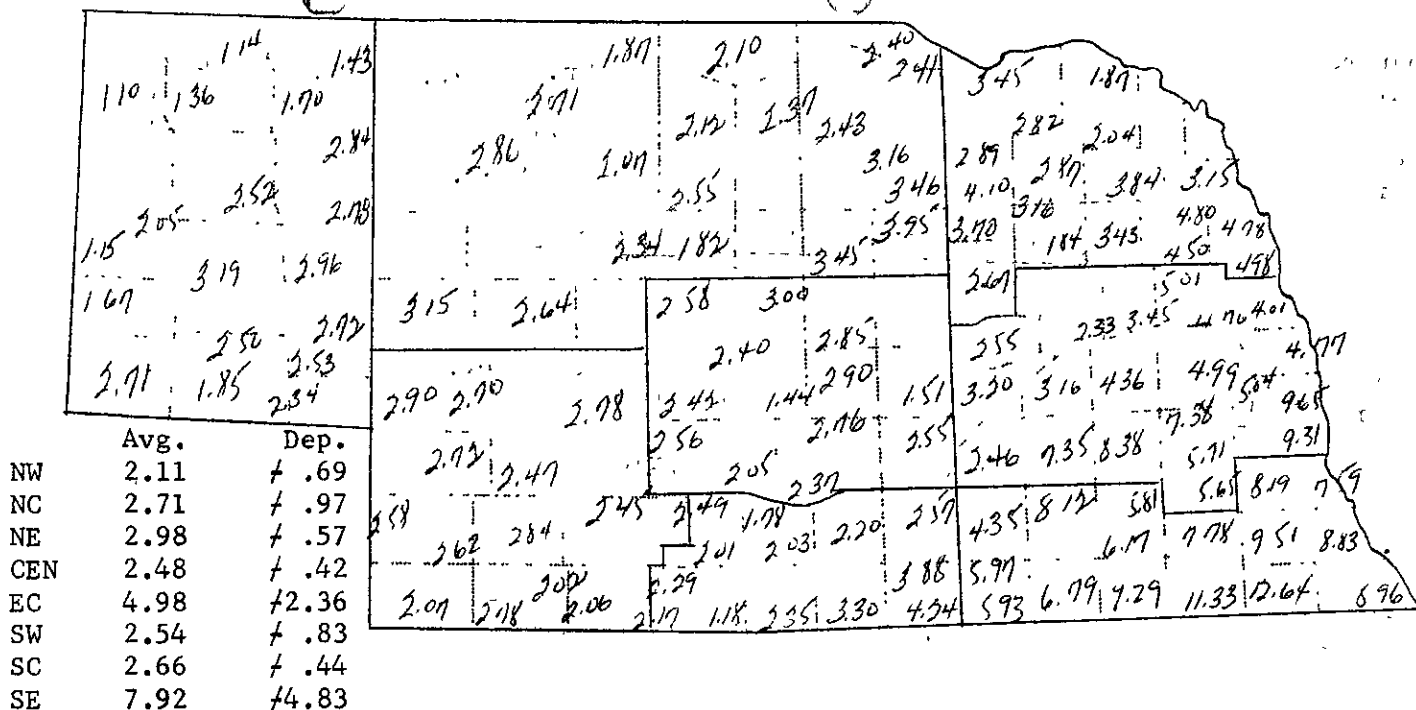
Range and pasture feed is ample except in the northwest and a few other scattered sections. Rains have promoted a good growth of fall pasture in the eastern districts.

LIVESTOCK Movement of feeder cattle and calves into the feeding areas of the State continues large. The peak movement is expected to occur in October as usual. Shipments into the State have been running well ahead of a year ago. Abundant supplies of feed and roughage are available for livestock. Livestock are in good condition and production rates continue well above average. Losses are light.

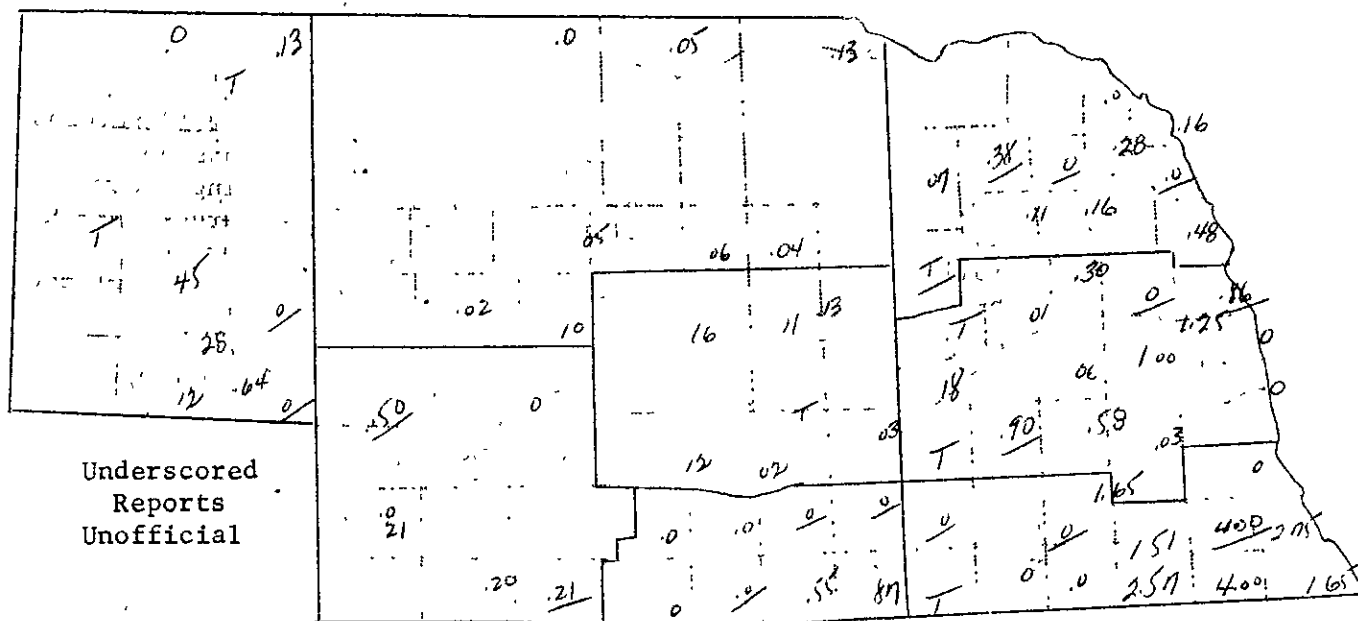
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	0	North Platte	T	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	0			Sidney	.03
Sioux City	.01				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1961



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

			October 3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
			Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron		66	30	73	35	76	36	82	46	85	38	54	39	39	33
	Scottsbluff		66	31	72	36	76	36	81	42	82	43	53	40	42	33
	Sidney		64	31	72	35	76	36	82	43	81	43	56	40	40	32
NC	Burwell		68	34	73	32	83	38	87	46	83	40	70	37	42	--
	Valentine		68	34	71	37	79	40	86	46	88	40	56	36	41	36
NE	Norfolk		67	35	68	35	78	43	87	53	82	53	75	59	55	49
	Sioux City		71	39	72	39	80	42	85	51	82	55	76	55	65	44
CEN	Grand Island		69	37	73	42	81	43	88	55	82	54	75	51	54	39
EC	Lincoln		67	46	71	43	79	49	87	57	80	57	76	57	68	43
	Omaha		66	41	68	45	77	47	81	56	79	55	75	57	68	44
SW	Imperial		66	33	75	34	78	38	86	40	85	42	68	43	44	36
	North Platte		68	34	72	42	80	35	85	38	83	42	64	42	49	36

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